



## FAX Transmittal Sheet

NOAA Lafayette

October 31, 2006

**TO:** Captain Morgan Turrell

**FROM:** Tim Osborn

**Re:** Athena Barge Accident Party Letter

Letters attached

NOAA Office of Coast Survey  
646 Cajundome Blvd  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506  
337-291-2111 phone 337-291-3097 fax



**NOAA Office of Coast Survey  
Navigation Services Division**

October 27, 2006

Captain Morgan Turrell  
Investigator-in-Charge  
National Transportation Safety Board  
Office of Marine Safety  
490 L'Enfant Plaza East, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20594-2000

Captain Turrell:

As requested, the attached letter has been signed and is being returned to you. This attached letter was reviewed and approved by NOAA Office of Coast Survey and NOAA General Counsel's office. As a party to the referenced accident, NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, Navigation Services Division, located in both Lafayette, Louisiana and Silver Spring, Maryland, will be participating in this process.

Ref: Fire aboard *Athena Barge 106*, accident number MAR07MM001.

Sincerely,

Tim Osborn  
Navigation Manager, Eastern Gulf

Enclosures: Signed Party Letter from NOAA

cc: Ed Martin, NOAA OCS NSD CAB

NOAA NOS Office of Coast Survey  
646 Cajundome Blvd.  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506



**National Transportation Safety Board**  
Washington, D.C. 20594

October 19, 2006

**Party Coordinators**

Mr. Dana Lee, Athena Construction, Morgan City, LA  
Mr. Michael Patterson, Central Boat Rentals, Morgan City, LA  
Mr. Brian Osborn, Gulfport Energy, Morgan City, LA  
Mr. Bruce L. Niemeyer, Chevron North America, Lafayette, LA  
Mr. Mark Champagne, LA Dept. of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge, LA  
Mr. Tim Osborn, NOAA [REDACTED]

Cc: LT John Luff, United States Coast Guard

Gentlemen:

Ref: Fire aboard *Athena Barge 106*, accident number MAR07MM001.

The Safety Board requests that the organizations listed above participate in the *Athena 106* accident as a party to the investigation. You are hereby asked to agree and abide by the provisions of 49 CFR 831.11, which governs participation in Safety Board investigations. Enclosed is a copy of 49 CFR 831.11 for your review. If you have any questions about these rules, please call me. Otherwise, we will assume that you will comply.

As a party representative, you will be given the opportunity to review and make comments on the Safety Board's factual report.

Thank you for your support of marine safety and the *Athena 106* investigation. If you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED] For additional information, visit [www.nts.gov](http://www.nts.gov).

Sincerely,

Sign by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
10/27/06

Morgan Turrell  
Investigator-in-Charge

Enclosures: 49 CFR 831.11

Please make a copy, sign and return this letter to Morgan Turrell